



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Overview of Supplemental Funding Available for K-12 Schools Participating in COVID-19 Testing Program

Purpose

The purpose of supplemental school funding for COVID-19 is to offset costs a Missouri school or school district (i.e., public school district, charter or private school) participating in the State's K-12 COVID-19 Screening Testing Program or K-12 BinaxNOW Antigen Testing Program incurs related to prevention and detection of COVID-19 in the school setting during the 2021-2022 school year. These costs might include staff time, personal protective equipment, infectious waste disposal fees, equipment needed to easily access the online testing portal, small items needed to improve air circulation, and printing of consent forms and/or outreach material for families. Please note this is not an exhaustive list and other costs are allowable.

Eligibility

Any school or school district participating in the State's K-12 Antigen Testing Program and/or the K-12 Screening Testing Program may request additional funding to support their COVID-19 prevention and detection activities.

[Apply for the K-12 Screening Testing Program](#)

[Apply for the K-12 BinaxNOW Antigen Testing Program](#)

Determining Funding Support Provided

The amount each school/district receives through the supplemental funding program depends on the total population (students and staff) of buildings participating in testing programs. Schools/districts will receive \$200 per/person x population of participating buildings up to \$500,000. Please note the total amount is based on the participating building's total student and staff population, not the number of students/staff participating in the testing program. DHSS has set \$30,000 as the minimum amount each school/district will receive. Schools/districts may request less funding, if desired.

Funding Example

An Authorized School (school district) has two school buildings participating in their screening testing program. The first building has a population of 300 total students and staff and the second one has 450 total students and staff. They will receive \$150,000 (750 x \$200) in supplemental funding.



How it Works

Once a school/district's testing plan is confirmed, DHSS will calculate the total amount available to the school/district. DHSS will then issue the funds through a cost-reimbursement contract.



Schools/districts receiving supplemental funding are expected to:

- Comply with the K-12 Screening Testing Program Statement of Assurances and/or Antigen Testing Program guidance
- Identify a Testing Coordinator to work with the State's Testing Vendor to implement testing (screening testing participants only)
- Ensure testing team members participate in training as appropriate for their role in the program(s)
- Submit a spending plan prior to using the funds (see attached spending plan template)
- Submit monthly invoices for actual expenses incurred related to the testing program(s) and approved mitigation expenses
- Submit a monthly report that includes:
 - Total number of staff hours spent on implementing the testing program(s) for the month
 - Number of staff members supported by supplemental funding
 - Description of mitigation activities supported through this funding
 - Facilitators and barriers to implementing testing program(s) for their school community

Allowed Costs

DHSS will reimburse the following:

- **Personnel and fringe benefits** for staff assisting with the testing program, contact tracing or other activities related to COVID-19 mitigation
- **Supplies**
 - Personal protective equipment
 - General offices supplies needed to implement mitigation strategies
 - Electronic equipment needed to access the online testing portal
 - Portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) fan/filtration systems or other small items that may allow for improved air circulation
- **Other**
 - Costs associated with outreach to encourage participation in the testing program(s)
 - Costs associated with promotion of vaccination as part of testing or contact tracing activities
 - Fees for infectious waste disposal for waste created through diagnostic testing
- **Indirect costs** at 10% of total budget

Disallowed Costs

DHSS will not reimburse:

- Expenses for items or services already provided by the State's Testing Vendor
- Purchase of antigen tests

The DHSS Screening Testing Program staff will continually monitor spending through this contract. If a school/district needs additional funding, the program staff will reach out to discuss needs. DHSS designed this program to offer flexibility with how schools/districts use these funds. Please share any suggestions that would help your school/district use the supplemental funds.

Please reach out to the K-12 Screening Testing team at k12screeningtesting@health.mo.gov for questions about the supplemental support available to schools.